

REMARKS

Amendments

The specification is amended to correct an obvious spelling error. The claims have been stylistically revised to emphasize that they are all drawn to the same method of inhibiting angiogenesis by (a) contacting a vertebrate animal predetermined to have a pathogenic angiogenesis with a metalloprotease inhibitor to specifically inhibit the activity of Kuz in the animal; and (b) detecting a resultant inhibition of angiogenesis in the animal. Support for the recited detecting step is found, inter alia, in each of our Examples; support for the recited TIMPs is found on p.4, lines 24-25, and p.11, lines 6-7. These amendments introduce no new matter.

Election

We elect group I with traverse; to the extent a species election is required, we elect species (b) IC -3. All the pending claims drawn to the same method of inhibiting angiogenesis by (a) contacting a vertebrate animal predetermined to have a pathogenic angiogenesis with a metalloprotease inhibitor to specifically inhibit the activity of Kuz in the animal; and (b) detecting a resultant inhibition of angiogenesis in the animal. Claims 19-34 each specify a different small molecule metalloprotease inhibitor. The function of the inhibitor is the same in each dependent claim - they merely substitute one functionally equivalent small molecule inhibitor for another. We request that the new claims be examined together.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if he would like to amend the claims to clarify the foregoing or seeks further clarification of the claim language.

We petition for and authorize charging our Deposit Account No.19-0750 all necessary extensions of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overcharges relating to this communication to our Dep. Acct. No.19-0750 (order B01-019-2).

Respectfully submitted,
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